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INTERSTATE 215 BRIDGE INVESTIGATION RESULTS

RIVERSIDE - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) today announced the results of the recent bridge investigation of the north and southbound Interstate 215 Chicago Avenue Undercrossing in the City of Riverside. The investigation was ordered after concrete broke loose from the southbound I-215 lanes and fell onto northbound Chicago Avenue on August 31, 2010.

The Department's Structure Maintenance and Investigations unit performed full visual and structural inspections of the bridge deck and took concrete core samples. The concrete core samples were analyzed, with the results indicating the bridge deck concrete met or exceeded the design specifications.

As part of an already scheduled bridge maintenance deck project planned for the Chicago Avenue Undercrossing, the Department has decided to stiffen portions of the closure pour between the original 1961 structure and the 2007 widening. The work, scheduled for 2012, will take place on the north and southbound closure pours. This work will enhance the durability of the bridge deck and ongoing reliability of the bridge.

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